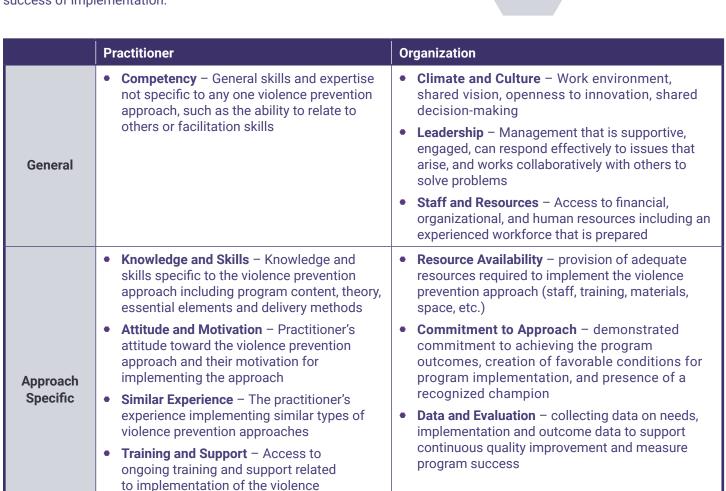


### **What Factors Influence Implementation?**

A policy, practice or program is more likely to achieve goals when implemented effectively in settings and with populations that are a good fit. There are particular factors related to the violence prevention approach, the context and the implementing organization that can determine the likelihood of high-quality implementation. This tip sheet highlights some of the major factors to consider during implementation.

#### **Practitioner and Organizational Factors**

**General factors** are important in implementing any type of violence prevention approach. They relate to the general functioning of an organization. **Approach specific factors** are dependent upon the specific violence prevention approach being implemented. Both of these types of factors can influence the success of implementation.



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#### **Community and Societal Factors**

There are a number of factors related to the surrounding community and the larger context that are also important to consider. Here are a few factors that can influence a community's readiness to implement violence prevention approaches:

Community	Societal
Collaboration and Partnerships – Connections to other practitioners and stakeholders including collaboration around resources and knowledge	Climate – Social norms and general attitudes toward violence prevention generally or the approach specifically
<ul> <li>Perceived need for and benefit of approach –         Acknowledgment that the violence prevention issue being addressed is important and the specific approach for addressing it is appropriate     </li> </ul>	Policies – Laws, regulations or operational procedures that may support or hinder the ability to address a specific violence prevention issue or implement a specific approach
Fit with other approaches in the community – Ways in which the approach complements, duplicates or contradicts existing violence prevention approaches in the community	Funding Environment – Availability of resources for violence prevention including restrictions or requirements imposed by funders

### **Strengthening Capacity for Implementation**

Once you have considered the various factors influencing implementation, the following steps can build the capacity of the violence prevention agencies within your community to increase the likelihood of successful implementation.

#### **General Capacity Approach Specific Capacity** Develop common standards for organizational Provide access to training and ongoing technical capacity of violence prevention agencies assistance specific to the policy, practice or program being implemented. Provide training on best practices for organizational functionina Ensure staff have a clear understanding of essential elements of the policy, practice or program (see Using Encourage agencies to conduct capacity assessments Essential Elements to Select, Adapt, and Evaluate Provide resources for capacity building Violence Prevention Approaches for more information) Cultivate policy, practice or program champions within the community Facilitate community buy-in and collaboration Encourage the use of data to guide continuous improvement Reach out to violence prevention experts and other communities implementing a specific policy, practice or program



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#### **Additional Resources**



Implementation Drivers: Assessing Best Practices (National Implementation Research Network)

 $https://implementation.fpg.unc.edu/sites/implementation.fpg.unc.edu/files/NIRN-Implementation\\ Drivers Assessing Best Practices.pdf$ 

